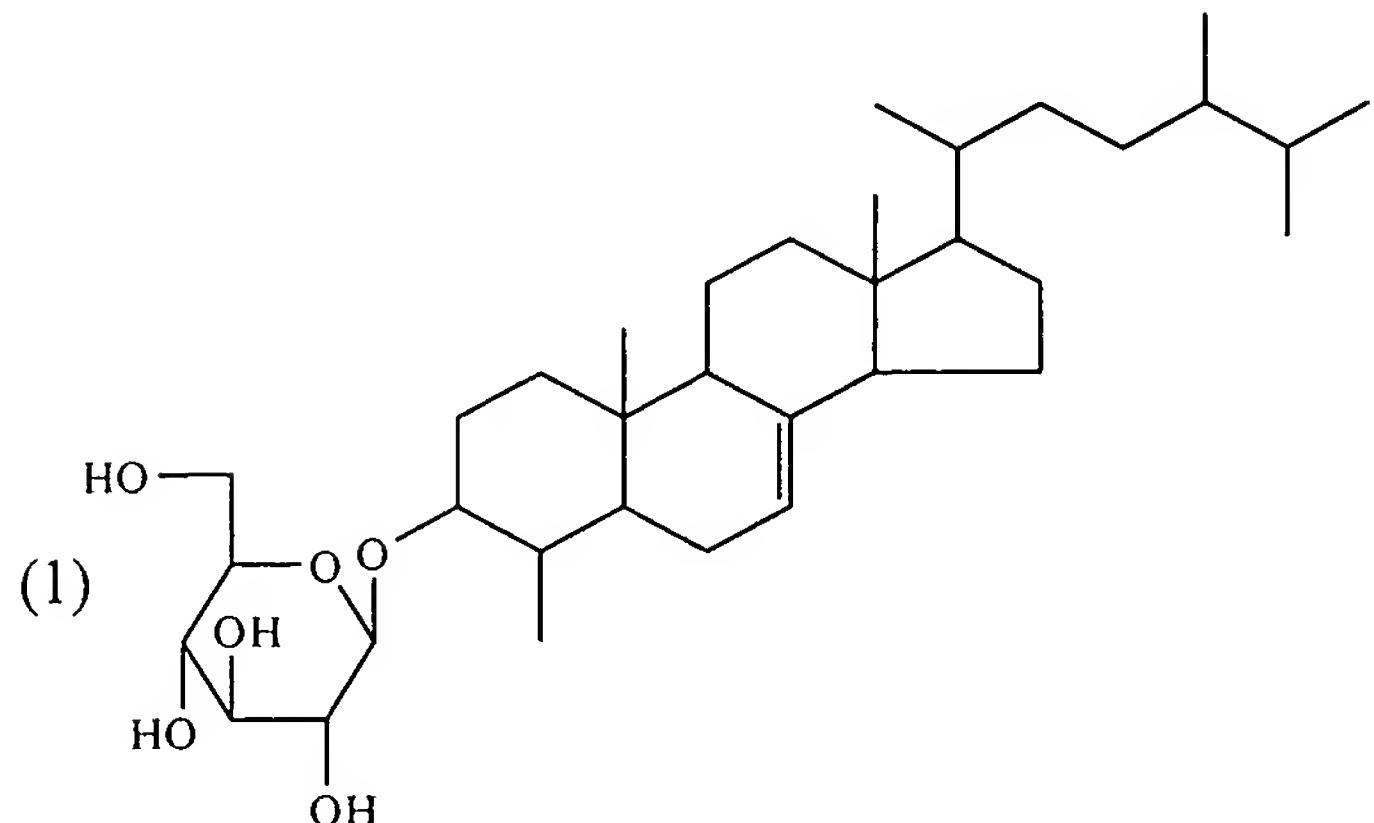


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A purified compound having the following chemical formula (1):



2. (Original) A composition containing 0.001% by dry mass or more of the compound according to claim 1.

3. (Original) The composition according to claim 2, which is an extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof.

4. (Original) The composition according to claim 3, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is Aloe vera (*Aloe barbadensis Miller*).

5. (Currently amended) A hyperglycemia improving agent, which ~~contains~~comprises the compound according to claim 1 ~~or the composition according to any one of claims 2 to 4~~ as an active ingredient in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

6. (Currently amended) A drug ~~containing~~comprising the hyperglycemia improving agent according to claim 5.

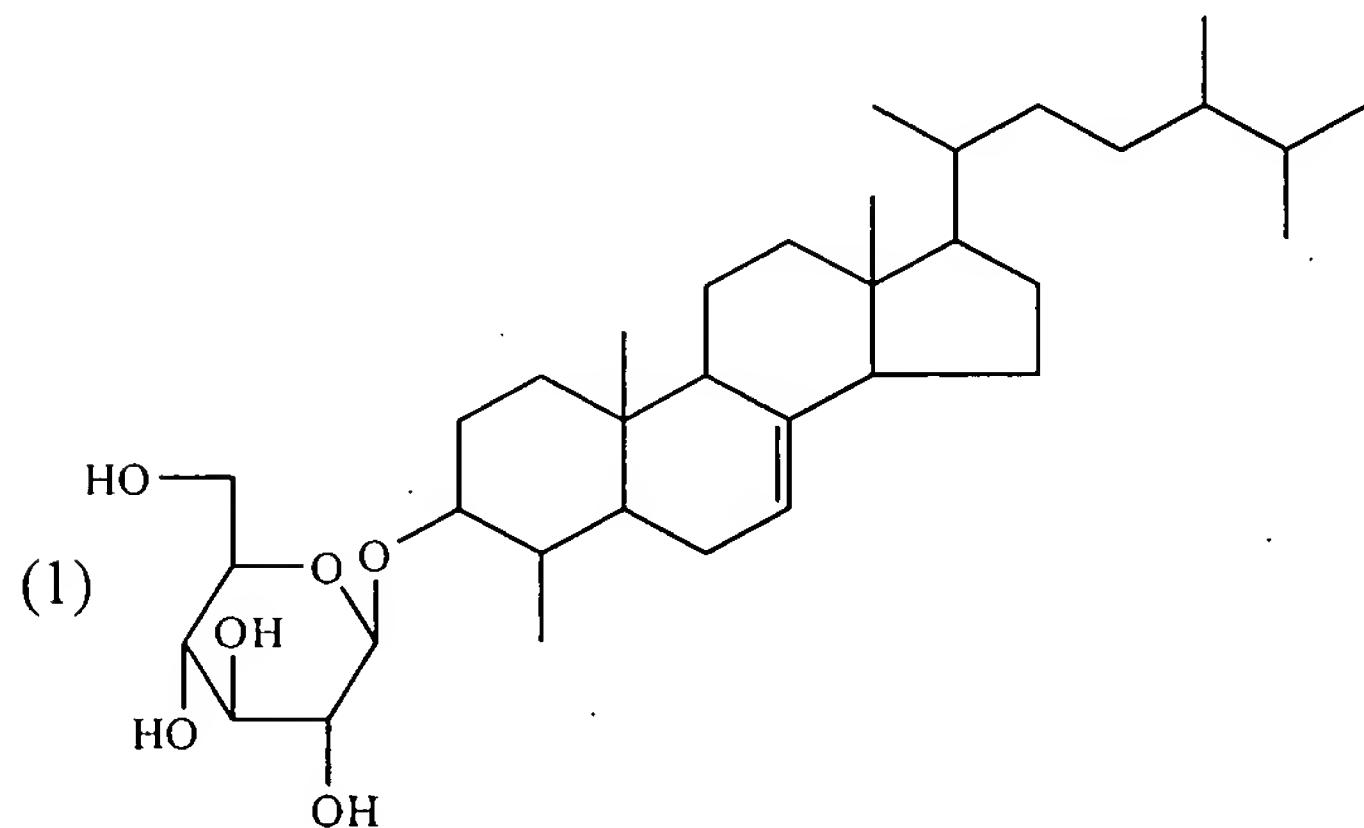
7. (Currently amended) Food or drink ~~containing~~comprising the hyperglycemia improving agent according to claim 5.

8. (Currently amended) Food or drink ~~containing~~comprising the compound according to claim 1 ~~or the composition according to any one of claims 2 to 4~~ as an active ingredient, having a hyperglycemia improving effect, and attached with an indication that the food or drink is used for improvement of hyperglycemia.

9. (Currently amended) A method for producing the compound according to claim 1 or a composition containing the compound, which comprises extracting a fraction ~~containing the compound~~ from a plant of the family *Liliaceae* ~~and containing the compound according to claim 1~~, a part thereof or a disruption product thereof which comprises the compound according to claim 1, by using an organic solvent or hot water and concentrating the fraction.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is *Aloe vera (Aloe barbadensis Miller)*.

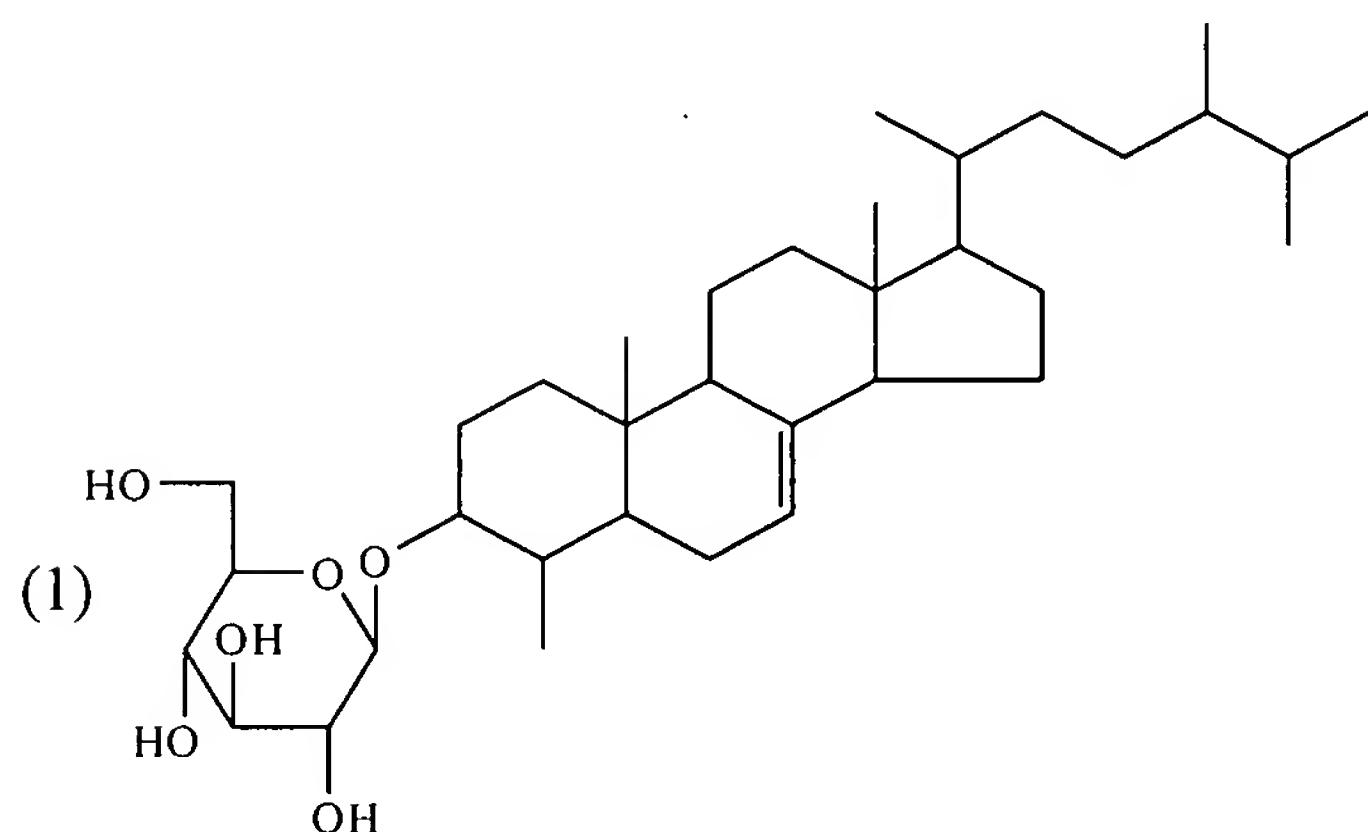
11. (Currently amended) Use of~~A method for the production of a drug for improving hyperglycemia which comprises mixing~~ a compound having a structure represented by the following chemical formula (1) or a composition containing the same ~~for the production of a drug for improving hyperglycemiawith a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier~~.



12. (Currently amended) The use~~-method~~ according to claim 11, wherein the composition is an extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof containing 0.001% by dry mass or more of the compound.

13. (Currently amended) The use~~-method~~ according to claim 12, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is *Aloe vera (Aloe barbadensis Miller)*.

14. (Original) A method for improving hyperglycemia, which comprises administering a compound having a structure represented by the following chemical formula (1) or a composition containing the same to a subject whose hyperglycemia is to be improved.



15. (Original) The method according to claim 14, wherein the composition is an extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof containing 0.001% by dry mass or more of the compound.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is *Aloe vera* (*Aloe barbadensis Miller*).